



MONTENEGRO



INTRODUCTION

From 1496, Montenegro maintained a level of autonomy within the Ottoman Empire. From the 16th to 19th centuries, Montenegro was a theocracy ruled by a series of bishop princes. In 1852, it transformed into a secular principality. In 1918, Montenegro was absorbed by the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, which became Yugoslavia in 1929. When the latter dissolved in 1992, Montenegro first federated with Serbia, but in 2006 voted for complete independence.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Milo DJUKANOVIC

Head of Government

Prime Minister Zdravko KRIVOKAPIC

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Podgorica

Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Skupstina (81 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 13,812 sq km

Land: 13,452 sq km

Water: 360 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean climate, hot dry summers and autumns and relatively cold winters with heavy snowfalls inland

Natural Resources

bauxite, hydroelectricity

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Balkan economy; unsanctioned euro user; controversial religious property ownership law; persistent corruption; major infrastructure investments and high expenditures; growing offshore banking destination

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$11.36 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$18,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - steelmaking, aluminum, agricultural processing, consumer goods, tourism

Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, grapes, vegetables, tomatoes, watermelons, wheat, apples, cabbages, barley

Exports \$1.24 billion (2020 est.)

aluminum, packaged medicines, cars, zinc, wine (2019)

partners: Serbia 17%, Hungary 15%, China 11%, Russia 7%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 6%, Germany 6%, Italy 5%, Poland 5% (2019)

Imports \$2.9 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, recreational boats, cigarettes (2019)

partners: Serbia 30%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 8%, Croatia 8%, Italy 6%, Greece 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

607,410 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.4% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Montenegrin 45%, Serbian 28.7%, Bosniak 8.7%, Albanian 4.9%, Muslim 3.3%, Romani 1%, Croat 1%, other 2.6%, unspecified 4.9% (2011 est.)

Language

Serbian 42.9%, Montenegrin (official) 37%, Bosnian 5.3%, Albanian 5.3%, Serbo-Croat 2%, other 3.5%, unspecified 4% (2011 est.)

Religion

Orthodox 72.1%, Muslim 19.1%, Catholic 3.4%, atheist 1.2%, other 1.5%, unspecified 2.6% (2011 est.)

